

DormCon President-Elect Discusses W1 Integration, Dining

By Arkajit Dey
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Last night, the Dormitory Council, which represents residents from undergraduate dormitories, elected next year's officers. In the upcoming year, DormCon may be at the forefront of many important decisions, including the development of W1 and continuing debate over mandatory dining plans.

James Torres '10 was voted DormCon president, and will replace outgoing president Sarah C. Hopp '08. Preeya S. Phadnis '09, Anthony D. Rindone '10, and Geoffrey G. Thomas '10 were elected vice president, treasurer, and secretary, respectively.

DormCon's voting meeting was mostly attended by current DormCon officers and dormitory representatives and presidents, along with a handful of residents from some of the dorms. The voting process for each position was initiated by a round of nominations to select a set of candidates.

Following a brief statement by each candidate about their credentials and a closed-door discussion of each candidate's merits (with the candidates waiting outside), each representative cast a vote on behalf of their dorm's residents with more populous dorms getting more votes

(each dorm is allocated one vote per resident). Residents at the meeting who disagreed with their representative's vote could cast a dissenting vote.

President-elect Torres, a Burton Third resident and currently DormCon Risk Manager, said he wants to focus the issues of dining plans and W1, both of which have been "debated a lot in many different organizations such as the UA and DormCon." Specifically, Torres said he would like to see W1 "integrated successfully into the DormCon community" and "any improvements in any way" in MIT's dining options.

A successful integration of W1 for Torres would, at a minimum, include getting a DormCon representative from W1 "attending the meetings and giving us their opinions." Torres said one member of the founding colony was already attending DormCon meetings and that, as of yesterday, W1 had decided to participate in the upcoming Residence Exploration period. It is not yet clear whether W1 residents will be taxed before DormCon can fund their REX events; Torres said he would consult the Constitution to determine the exact course required in making W1 an official member of DormCon.

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DAVID DA HE—THE TECH

Absentstar lead vocalist Derek Ingersoll charms the crowd at the beginning of the 2008 Spring Weekend Concert held in the Johnson Athletics Center on Friday evening. See pages 8–9 for more photos from Spring Weekend.

Class of 2010 Celebrates Delivery Of Rings at Moakley Courthouse

By Nick Bushak
NEWS EDITOR

Roughly 700 members of the Class of 2010 descended upon the Moakley Courthouse in downtown Boston for a posh evening last Saturday to celebrate the delivery of their Brass Rats. According to Laura E. Aust '10, Chair of the 2010 Ring Committee, the event cost around \$55,000.

The semi-formal evening included a catered dinner and a jazz group. Representatives from Balfour distributed the rings, and the event was open to all sophomores, even those who did not purchase a ring.

The Moakley Courthouse is located on the waterfront, and the building offered spectacular views of the Boston skyline to sophomores enjoying their meals. Accord-

ing to Timothy E. Robertson '10, "the view was awesome." However, he said that a different location in Boston, like the Prudential Center, might have been better for students looking for something to do after the dinner.

Aust said that the Ring Committee was allocated a total budget of

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Selective Korean High Schools Prepare Students for Top American Colleges

By Sam Dillon
THE NEW YORK TIMES

It is 10:30 p.m. and students at the elite Daewon prep school here are cramming in a study hall that ends a 15-hour school day. A window is propped open so the evening chill can keep them awake. One teenager studies standing upright at his desk to keep from dozing.

Kim Hyun-kyung, who has accumulated nearly perfect scores on her SATs, is multitasking to prepare for physics, chemistry and history

exams.

"I can't let myself waste even a second," said Ms. Kim, who dreams of attending Harvard, Yale or another brand-name American college. And she has a good shot. This spring, as in previous years, all but a few of the 133 graduates from Daewon Foreign Language High School who applied to selective American universities won admission.

It is a success rate that American parents may well envy, especially now, as many students are swallow-

ing rejection from favorite universities at the close of an insanely selective college application season.

"Going to U.S. universities has become like a huge fad in Korean society, and the Ivy League names — Harvard, Yale, Princeton — have really struck a nerve," said Victoria Kim, who attended Daewon and graduated from Harvard last June.

Daewon has one major Korean rival, the Minjok Leadership Acad-

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Members of MIT Baseball Team Conduct Research on Safety Equipment Materials

By Shira Springer
THE BOSTON GLOBE

With the first game of a late March doubleheader scheduled for noon, members of the MIT baseball team and a Rawlings representative meet at 8:30, gathering in a back corner of the school's Aero/Astro hangar. Lefthanded reliever George M. Vasquez '08 stands behind an air cannon, launching baseballs at a mannequin wearing a chest protector. Righthanded starter Jay M. Turner '08 records electronic sensor data each time a ball makes contact.

Not your typical pregame routine.

But as a result of their work, Vasquez and Turner could "make it" to the major leagues.

By this time next year, professional catchers such as Washington's Paul Lo Duca, St. Louis's Yadier Molina, and the Chicago Cubs' Geovany Soto could be wearing new and improved padding. Since November, six students — under the guidance of sports equipment company Rawlings and the MIT Sports Innovation program — have been developing a testing system for chest protectors. The goal is to help equipment designers determine the best mix of materials

and best thickness for padding, giving catchers greater mobility and making it easier for them to throw.

"It's all about finding your passion," said Vasquez, the group leader and a Material Science and Engineering major. "All the guys on the [project] team love sports. It's more fun than what you typically think of with an MIT research project.

"There are very few sports companies that put value in good engineering, in terms of projects that make engineering sense rather than

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PERRY HUNG—THE TECH

Internet icon Jay "Tron Guy" Maynard listens to the keynote address at ROFLcon on Saturday. Maynard became an online phenomenon when his costume, inspired by the movie TRON, spread across the Internet from postings on Slashdot, an Internet tech news site.



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Barrage of Mortar Attacks in Baghdad Kills Four U.S. Soldiers

By Erica Goode and Stephen Farrell

THE NEW YORK TIMES BAGHDAD Four U.S. soldiers were killed by rocket or mortar attacks in Baghdad on Monday, a day after a dust storm blanketed the city and provided cover for fierce shelling of the fortified Green Zone and assaults on American and Iraqi forces.

Three of the soldiers were killed in the southeastern neighborhood of New Baghdad, the U.S. military said. The other soldier died in Kadimiya, in the northern part of the capital.

A rocket attack also wounded U.S. soldiers on Monday at a small frontline base in the Sadr City neighborhood, where U.S. and Iraqi troops have been battling militia fighters loyal to the Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr for more than a month. U.S. military officials said that for security reasons, they could not confirm the injuries.

On Sunday afternoon, as a dense and gritty orange cloud of dust settled over Baghdad, grounding military helicopters, a hail of shells arced toward the Green Zone, with the barrage continuing into the early hours of Monday. Sporadic rocket and mortar fire continued throughout the day. No U.S. casualties were reported.

Senate Democrats Calling for More Food Assistance

By David M. Herszenhorn

THE NEW YORK TIMES WASHINGTON Citing hunger riots in developing countries and soaring grain prices around the world, Senate Democrats called Monday for a swift increase of \$200 million in foreign food aid, on top of an additional \$350 million that President Bush has requested in a supplemental spending measure.

In response, the administration urged Congress to give it more flexibility to buy food for donation from local and regional providers, a method that anti-hunger experts say is cheaper and more efficient than buying and shipping American commodities, as well as encouraging agricultural development

This month, Bush directed the Agriculture Department to release \$200 million in commodities to address the crisis, and Monday the U.S. Agency for International Development said it was coordinating that program in addition to \$40 million in emergency food aid.

AID said the U.N. World Food Program and private organizations would deliver those resources to Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Haiti, Kenya, Mauritania, Somalia, Sudan, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

Obama Distances Himself After Pastor's Latest Remarks

By Jeff Zeleny

THE NEW YORK TIMES WILMINGTON, N.C.

If it was not clear before Monday, Sen. Barack Obama said, it should be clear now: His presidential campaign has no control over what the Rev. Jeremiah Wright Jr., his former pastor, says or what he does.

"He does not speak for me," he said. "He does not speak for the campaign. He may make statements in the future that don't reflect my values or concerns." "I think certainly what the last three days indicate is that we're not coordinating with him, right?" Obama said.

Obama made his remarks at a hastily called news conference on the tarmac of the airport here late in the day, with the engines of his campaign plane buzzing in the background. His decision to address the issue directly reflected the extent to which Wright has emerged once again as a problem for his campaign.

And at a sensitive time: Obama has been seeking to appeal to white, blue-collar voters who voted in big numbers for Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton in Pennsylvania, and is trying to convince uncommitted super-delegates to rally to his side.

In 6-3 Vote, Supreme Court Upholds Indiana Voter ID Law

By Linda Greenhouse

THE NEW YORK TIMES WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court upheld Indiana's voter identification law on Monday, concluding in a splintered decision that the challengers failed to prove that the law's photo ID requirement placed an unconstitutional burden on the right to vote.

The 6-3 ruling kept the door open to future lawsuits that provided more evidence. But this theoretical possibility was small comfort to the dissenters or to critics of voter ID laws, who predicted that a more likely outcome than successful lawsuits would be the spread of measures that would keep some legitimate would-be voters from the polls.

Voting experts said the ruling was likely to complicate election administration, leading to both more litigation and more legislation, at least in states with Republican legislative majorities, but would probably have a limited impact on this year's presidential voting.

The issue has been intensely partisan, with Republicans supporting increased identification requirements for voters and Democrats opposing them. In what the court described as the "lead opinion," which was written by Justice John Paul Stevens and joined by Chief Justice

John G. Roberts Jr. and Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, the court acknowledged that the record of the case contained "no evidence" of the type of voter fraud the law was ostensibly devised to detect and deter, the attempt by a voter to cast a ballot in another person's name.

But Stevens said that neither was there "any concrete evidence of the burden imposed on voters who now lack photo identification." The "risk of voter fraud" was "real," he said, and there was "no question about the legitimacy or importance of the state's interest in counting only the votes of eligible voters."

The three others who made up the majority, Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas and Samuel A. Alito Jr., said in an opinion by Scalia that the law was so obviously justified as "a generally applicable, nondiscriminatory voting regulation" that there was no basis for scrutinizing the record to assess the impact on any individual voters.

In a dissenting opinion, Justice David H. Souter said that for those on whom the law had an impact, the burden was "serious" and the state had failed to justify it. Like the Virginia poll tax the court struck down 42 years ago, he said, "the onus of the Indiana

law is illegitimate just because it correlates with no state interest so well as it does with the object of deterring poorer residents from exercising the franchise." The other dissenters were justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer.

Six states in addition to Indiana — Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Michigan and South Dakota — now require voters to provide photo identification before casting a ballot. Bills are pending in two dozen other states, although they are not likely to pass this year in more than a handful, due to short legislative sessions and Democratic opposition.

The Indiana law, adopted by the Republican-controlled legislature in 2005 without a single Democratic vote, is regarded as the strictest in the country. It requires a voter to present a photograph as part of an unexpired document issued either by Indiana or the federal government, a requirement that in most cases can be satisfied only by a current driver's license or a passport. The state's motor vehicle agency provides a free photo ID card for people who do not drive, but obtaining it requires a "primary document" like an original birth certificate or a passport.

Gaza Mother and Children Killed in Israeli Operation

By Ethan Bronner

THE NEW YORK TIMES JERUSALEM

A Palestinian mother and her four young children were killed in northern Gaza on Monday during an Israeli operation against militants there, and a dispute quickly arose over exactly how they had died.

The Israelis said they shot a missile from the air that hit two armed men who were carrying heavy explosives which blew apart the family's house behind them. Palestinian witnesses said they believed an Israeli tank shell flew into the small house, killing the four as they were eating breakfast. Two other children from the same family were badly wounded and hospitalized.

The killings prompted vows of revenge and seemed likely to complicate Egyptian efforts to mediate a cease-fire between Hamas, the militant Islamist

group that rules Gaza, and Israel.

Shortly afterward, seven rockets and nine mortars were fired at southern Israel from Gaza. No one there was injured although a building was damaged.

Moaweiya Hassanein, chief of emergency and ambulance services in the Palestinian health ministry, said there were at least 10 injured in Gaza from the fighting.

Outside the house of the Abu Maatak family in the Gaza town of Beit Hanoun, pots, children's clothes and shoes lay scattered on the ground, a scene shown repeatedly on Palestinian and other Arab television channels along with photos of the swathed dead bodies, including that of a baby, lying on metal trays in a Gaza morgue.

The dead were named by relatives as sister Rudayna and Hana Abu Maatak, ages 6 and 3; their brothers Saleh, 4, and Mousad, 15 months, and their

mother Miyasar, the youngest of three wives of Ahmed Abu Maatak, 70, who said he had gone to the market when the missile hit.

Palestinian security officials said that several Israeli army tanks, armored vehicles and bulldozers backed by helicopters stormed Beit Hanoun early on Monday. Militant groups said in separate leaflets sent to reporters that they confronted the Israeli forces with bombs and grenades, adding that Israeli soldiers and Palestinian militants exchanged fire.

Maj. Avital Leibovich, chief spokeswoman of the Israeli military for the foreign press, said that while the army was still investigating, an initial inquiry into the events showed that several Israeli armored personnel carriers had entered the area of Beit Hanoun in what she described as a routine search for rocket launchers, snipers and terrorists.

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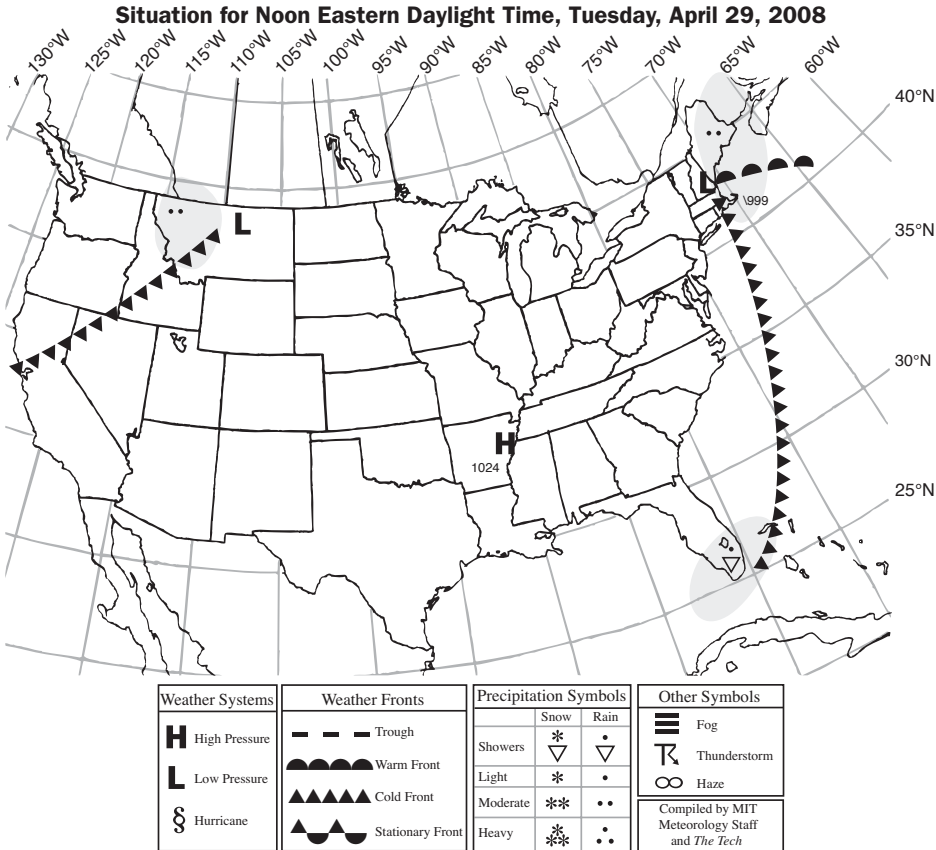
Blip-in Rain

By Cegeon J. Chan
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After 14 straight days of mostly sunny skies, dry conditions, and warm weather (remember that?), the streak came to an abrupt end yesterday. It was the longest such streak since mid-March 2006. While yesterday's steady light rain was just a nuisance, today's moderately heavy rain likely will dampen spirits (and the bottom of pants for that matter). The rain will last through the lunch hours, and by early evening, the last water droplets will likely come to an end.

Factoring the most likely scenario being forecasted by the computer models for the end of this week, this rain storm will just be a blip on the radar. A relatively weak high pressure blocking pattern is likely to develop to our west. As a result, we can expect the persistently sunny and dry conditions we experienced the last two weeks to occur again. However, there is not high confidence in this weather solution, at least in the opinion of this particular author. One typically expects the probability of some predicted value to be Gaussian. However, during blocking patterns, the distribution is often bimodal, i.e. either solution A or solution B will occur, but certainly nothing in between. Thus, there is significant probability that it could be the complete opposite. In any case, stay dry today and think of the sunny skies tomorrow.

Today: Thunderstorms and rain heavy at times in the morning. Highs in the mid 50s°F (13°C). Winds gusting to 25 mph.
Tonight: Rain comes to an end in the evening hours. Otherwise, partly cloudy skies. Lows in the upper 30s°F (4°C). Winds gusting to 30 mph.
Tomorrow: Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s°F (15°C).
Tomorrow Night: Mostly clear. Low around 35°F (2°C).
Thursday: Sunny. Highs in the lower 60s°F (16°C).
Friday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s°F (20°C).



Austrians Recoil at Case of Incest in Cellar Dungeon

By Mark Landler
THE NEW YORK TIMES

AMSTETTEN, AUSTRIA

With his Mercedes-Benz and the rings on his fingers, Josef Fritzl looked every inch a property owner, neighbors in this tidy Austrian town said Monday. Even when running errands, they said, he wore a natty jacket, crisp shirt and tie.

Fritzl's apartment house, its back garden obscured by a tall hedge, was his kingdom, one neighbor said, and interlopers were not welcome. On Monday, investigators in white jumpsuits combed the house and garden for clues. The authorities said Sunday that Fritzl, 73, had kept one of his daughters imprisoned for 24 years in a basement dungeon, where she bore him seven children.

The daughter, Elisabeth, 42, is in psychiatric care, along with two of her children. Her eldest daughter, Kerstin, 19, whose illness pulled apart Fritzl's secret after he had her taken to a local hospital, was in a medically induced coma and was in critical condition, the authorities said.

The authorities said Fritzl confessed Monday to imprisonment, sexual abuse and incest. The case has left

this town of 22,000 people, 80 miles west of Vienna, in stunned disbelief. Neighbors milled around the three-story apartment building on Monday, watching the investigation unfold and asking how such an atrocity could have occurred in their midst.

"One cannot comprehend the dimension of this," said Doris Bichler, 34, a neighbor who was walking with her daughter. "Natascha Kampusch was bad, but this is of a totally different scale." Bichler was referring to the notorious kidnapping of an Austrian schoolgirl, who was hidden in a windowless cellar for eight years until she escaped in August 2006. Until now, the Kampusch case was considered by many as the epitome of depravity in the post-World War II history of this country.

But as details of this latest case filter out, it seems even harder to fathom than Kampusch's abduction, involving nearly a quarter-century of confinement and sexual abuse, and the birth of seven children, three of whom never emerged from the cellar into daylight until last week.

It also raises a troubling question: Why did two such horrifying crimes oc-

cur in the same period in Austria, known as a tranquil, picture-book land?

There seems no easy answer — and Austrian officials, while insisting that similar crimes had occurred in other countries, said they were struggling to make sense of Fritzl's singular misdeeds.

"He was man of stature," Franz Polzer, the chief of the criminal investigations unit for the Province of Lower Austria, said at a news conference here, holding up a photograph of Fritzl, a heavyset, gray-haired man dressed in black.

"He led a double life," Polzer continued, "with one family of seven children, with his wife, and a second family of seven children, with his daughter."

The police described Fritzl as an authoritarian figure who had brooked no dissent.

Trained as an electrician and an engineer, Fritzl owned the small apartment building, renting out a few apartments and living on the top floor. Over many years, he built an underground world for his captives in a warren of cramped, windowless rooms. He provided them with food and clothing, bought outside town to avoid suspicion.

Ex-Prosecutor Tells of Political Urging by Pentagon on Detainees

By William Glaberson
THE NEW YORK TIMES

GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA

The former chief prosecutor here took the witness stand on Monday on behalf of a detainee and testified that top Pentagon officials had pressured him in deciding which cases to prosecute and what evidence to use.

The prosecutor, Col. Morris D. Davis of the Air Force, testified that Pentagon officials had interfered with his work for political reasons and told him that charges against well-known detainees "could have real strategic political value" and that there could be no acquittals.

His testimony completed one of the more unusual transformations in the contentious history of Guantanamo. Davis, who is on active duty as a senior Air Force official and was one of the Pentagon's most vocal advocates of the Guantanamo military commissions, has become one of the most visible critics of the system.

Testifying about his assertions for the first time, Davis said a senior Pentagon official who oversaw the military commissions, Brig. Gen. Thomas W. Hartmann of the Air Force Reserve, reversed a decision he had made and insisted that

prosecutors proceed with evidence derived through waterboarding of detainees and other aggressive interrogation methods that critics call torture.

Called to the stand by a Navy defense lawyer and testifying before a military judge, Davis, in uniform, said Hartmann directed him last year to push war crimes cases here quickly. He said the general was trying to give the system legitimacy before a new president took office. He testified that Hartmann referred to the long difficulties the Pentagon had had in operating the military commissions and said, "If we don't get some cases going before the election, this thing's going to implode."

Spokesmen for the Pentagon and Hartmann declined to comment on Monday, saying the questions continued before the military judge. In the past, they have said that they disagreed with some of his assertions.

The extraordinary testimony featured Davis, perspiring slightly in an air-conditioned courtroom, being cross-examined by his successor, Col. Lawrence J. Morris of the Army. The two uniformed officers faced each other with natural military politeness, giving way occasionally to a brisk

question or stiff response.

The awkward moment of one military officer's taking on another occurred because lawyers for a detainee facing war crimes charges called Davis to the stand after he had given news interviews criticizing Hartmann and the running of the military commissions.

The defense lawyers for the detainee, Salim Ahmed Hamdan, once a driver for Osama bin Laden, said Davis' contentions amounted to unlawful influence over the prosecution.

In his cross-examination, Morris did not attack his predecessor wholesale. But he had Davis acknowledge that he had filed the charges against Hamdan himself and had never had concerns about any of the charges or the way the evidence was obtained.

In his time as chief prosecutor, the current chief prosecutor asked, had not Davis endorsed every specification of every charge against the man prosecutors say helped bin Laden elude capture after the Sept. 11 attacks?

"I never had any doubts," the former prosecutor said, "about Mr. Hamdan's guilt." Although Davis completed his testimony, the hearing is to continue on Tuesday.

Rising Petroleum Prices Fail to Prompt Increase in Refinery Output

By Jad Mouawad
THE NEW YORK TIMES

As oil prices soared to record levels in recent years, basic economics suggested that consumption would fall and supplies would rise as producers drilled for more oil.

But as prices flirt with \$120 a barrel, many energy experts are becoming worried that neither seems to be happening. Higher prices have done little to suppress global demand or attract new production, and the resulting mismatch has sent oil prices ever higher.

That has translated into more pain at the pump, with gasoline setting a fresh record of \$3.60 a gallon nationwide on Monday. Experts expect prices above \$4 a gallon this summer, and one analyst recently predicted that gasoline could reach \$7 in the next four years.

A central reason that oil supplies are not rising much is that major producers outside the OPEC cartel, like Russia, Mexico and Norway, are showing troubling signs of sluggishness. Unlike OPEC, whose explicit goal is to regulate the supply of oil to keep prices up, these countries are the free traders of the oil market, with ev-

ery incentive to produce flat-out at a time of high prices.

But for a variety of reasons, including sharply higher drilling costs and a rise of nationalistic policies that restrict foreign investment, these countries are failing to increase their output. They seem stuck at about 50 million barrels of oil a day, or 60 percent of the world's oil supplies, with few prospects for growth.

"According to normal economic theory, and the history of oil, rising prices have two major effects," said Fatih Birol, the chief economist at the International Energy Agency, a group in Paris that advises industrialized countries. "They reduce demand and they induce oil supplies. Not this time."

With tight global supplies, geopolitics continue to play a big role in pushing up oil prices. On Monday, oil futures closed at \$118.75 a barrel, up 23 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after strikes by oil workers in Scotland and Nigeria that shut down nearly 1.7 percent of the world's daily production.

Countries outside the Organization

of the Petroleum Exporting Countries have been the main source of production growth in the past three decades, as new fields were discovered in Alaska, the North Sea and the Caspian region.

But analysts at Barclays Capital said last week that non-OPEC supplies were "seemingly dead in the water." Goldman Sachs raised similar concerns in March, saying that growth in non-OPEC supplies "can no longer be taken for granted."

At the same time, oil consumption keeps expanding. Global consumption is forecast to increase by 1.2 million barrels a day this year, to 87.2 million barrels a day, with much of the growth in demand coming from China, India and the Middle East, according to the International Energy Agency.

In the United States and through much of the developed world, the higher fuel prices have led drivers to reduce their consumption, and gasoline demand is expected to drop this year. But that drop will be more than offset by the rise in energy demand from developing countries. In the next two decades, demand is projected to jump by 35 percent.

Indian Prime Minister Decries Abortions of Female Fetuses

By Amelia Gentleman

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW DELHI

The Indian prime minister described the widespread practice of aborting female fetuses as a "national shame" Monday, and called for stricter enforcement of laws devised to prevent doctors from helping parents to avoid the birth of unwanted daughters.

In his first speech on the subject, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh highlighted an "alarming" decline in the number of girls for every 1,000 boys in India, slipping to 927 in 2001 from 962 in 1981, according to the latest census figures. "This indicates that growing economic prosperity and education levels have not led to a corresponding mitigation in this acute problem," he said.

"No nation, no society, no community can hold its head high and claim to be part of the civilized world if it condones the practice of discriminating against one half of humanity represented by women," Singh said, giving an inaugural speech at a national conference dedicating to "saving the girl child," which brought together politicians, doctors and advocates.

Describing the abortion of female fetuses as "inhuman, uncivilized and reprehensible," he said the government had a responsibility to crack down on the large numbers of Indian doctors who illegally disclosed the sex of the fetus to the parents, and then arranged abortions of unwanted girls.

Over past three decades, the increasing availability of ultrasound equipment has assisted India's cultural preference for sons and distorted the sex ratio across the nation.

Rome Elects First Rightist Mayor in Decades

By Elisabetta Povoledo

THE NEW YORK TIMES

ROME

Two weeks after sweeping national elections, Italy's center-right parties confirmed that they had captured the mood of the country by winning runoff votes Sunday and Monday in several cities. In a closely watched race, Rome elected its first rightist mayor since World War II.

Promising to crack down on crime in Rome, the victor, Gianni Alemanno, who ran with the conservative People of Freedom party, took nearly 54 percent of the vote. Alemanno defeated Francesco Rutelli, who had served as mayor from 1993 to 2001.

The result represented a double blow to the departing mayor of Rome, Walter Veltroni, who left city politics to become the leader of the newly formed Democratic Party. The party lost the April 13-14 national elections to the center-right coalition, led by Silvio Berlusconi.

"It's a result we built up over time," said Alemanno, a former environment minister, who began his political career with the youth section of the Italian Social Movement, a neo-Fascist party formed by Mussolini supporters after the war.

The focus of the hard-fought campaign in Rome shifted to citizens' safety after a woman was raped — allegedly by an immigrant — 10 days before the vote. The attack shocked the capital and recalled an attack in Rome last fall in which a Romanian immigrant was arrested in the fatal beating of Giovanna Reggiani, a 47-year-old woman.

Building a Candy Empire: Mars Offers \$23 Billion for Wrigley

By Andrew Martin

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Against all odds, the chewing-gum aisle at the grocery store became a hotbed of creativity in recent years, as companies battled to find new ways to sell an immutable product, often by trying new combinations of coatings, fillings and packaging.

Now that thinking appears to have spread to broader strategy discussions in the boardrooms of candy companies.

On Monday, Mars, the privately held maker of Snickers and M&Ms, said that it would buy Wrigley, the famous chewing-gum company, for \$23 billion. Analysts expect the companies to become a potent new marketing force as they try to appeal to a rapidly growing consumer market in countries like China, India and Russia.

The \$80-a-share buyout will create the world's largest confectionery company. It will be owned by the Mars family, which is known for its devotion to privacy and its phenomenal wealth.

While Bill Wrigley Jr., one of the largest shareholders in the company that bears his family name, was not looking to sell, he said in a Monday news conference, "The Mars family approached us with a compelling, all-cash offer."

"We must respect the past," he later added, "but at all times do what is right for the future."

Supposed Hendrix Sex Tape To Be Released

By Mireya Navarro
and Jeff Leedes

THE NEW YORK TIMES

LOS ANGELES

In a twist on the recent string of sex tapes of Hollywood's young stars, Vivid Entertainment plans to release what it says is a film from the vaults of classic rock: a sex film supposedly of Jimi Hendrix.

The film shows a naked man who resembles Hendrix, the guitar legend who died in 1970, wearing a bandanna in his Afro, having sex with two brunettes in a dimly lighted bedroom. His full face appears on screen for only a few seconds, with his eyes closed. In other portions there are flashes of his profile. But his hands, bedecked with rings, roam large on the screen at times. The film has no audio.

Vivid, a large maker of pornographic movies that is releasing the film this week, has created a 45-minute DVD, called "Jimi Hendrix the Sex Tape," that combines 11 minutes of sex footage with a retrospective of Hendrix's career in the 1960s (but with none of his music included). The company, which has also released tapes of Pamela Anderson and Tommy Lee, Kim Kardashian and others, will sell it for \$39.95 in stores and over the Internet, and will also offer the film for downloading.

But the identity of the man in the film, which has circulated among Hendrix aficionados for years, is fiercely disputed by experts and former associates. And the DVD arrives on the heels of a string of hoaxes involving star look-alikes and one other dead superstar.



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OPINION

Letters To The Editor

Tech’s UA Election Coverage Inadequate

Whose idea was it to give far more page space to Baker House’s Piano Drop than the UA presidential elections? Last time I checked, two broken pianos don’t have a say in whether I have to eat in a dining hall or if incoming freshmen get their choice of living groups. The UA may not be the most well-liked group on campus, but without a doubt it is one of the most influential and their elections (which determine who represents me and the entire undergraduate community to the administration) deserve a bit more attention. At least we know that if Baker House decides to drop the UA Exec Board off a roof, everyone will hear about it.

Harrison L. Bralower '10

No Scientific Spirit in Criticizing Olympics

As members of the MIT community, we have always been so proud of the scientific spirit this institute embodies — the spirit of in-

dependent thinking, the spirit of objective judgment, and the spirit of innovation. This is what makes MIT the best among all technological institutes. Sadly, we found in recent issues of *The Tech* a severe lack of such spirit, as demonstrated by the series of cartoons on Olympics. It deviates so much from the MIT style that we start to have doubt about our belief in the spirit of the Institute. As science and engineering majors, we all know how to study things, how to analyze them, and how to propose new ideas based on scientific evidence. But none of these is seen in the cartoon.

First, the authors of the cartoon lack basic knowledge about present day China that he/she is still depicting Chinese people as dressed 40 years ago. Everyone at this institute is an expert in his/her own field and our publications and presentations represent our deep understanding of the subject we are talking about. Under such a circumstance, we cannot understand how this kind of mistake could appear in the top newspaper on campus.

We have to say that we feel very disappointed when we saw *The Tech* simply copying the tone of other media. We suppose *The Tech* should represent the independent and critical thinking of MIT students, but we just don’t see

that in these cartoons. We suggest the authors do some independent research on this topic. Go to different sources for information. (There are plenty of them on the web). Don’t rush to make any conclusion before taking into consideration different voices.

The best and only way to know the truth is to do the experiment yourself — go to China to see what is really going on. We have all been living in China for more than 20 years and we do *not* feel our human rights violated. Instead, we have all the freedom to pursue our dreams and we are now studying at MIT. China is open and everyone can go and take a look. (It should be much easier than for Chinese to come to the U.S.). If a trip is not immediately possible, at least try to talk to people who have been and lived there. It is certainly not MIT style to announce results that are premature or just copied from other people’s work, is it?

Xie Chen G
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Multiculturalism May Erode Strength Of Western Values

Justin Wong

Amal Dorai G mischaracterizes my letter from last week. Far from saying that we should accommodate the intolerance of other cultures, I was posing a question — how do we reconcile our liberal society (here I use “liberal” in its classical sense) with respect for multicultural diversity, when some of our own values, such as respect for the rights of homosexuals, conflict with those of other cultures? Do we dare to assert the superiority of civilized Western liberalism over the medieval puritanism which still persists in some parts of the world today? Dorai seems to think so, and his letter suggests that it is ridiculous to think otherwise — he believes it is “ludicrous” to accommodate another culture’s bigotry.

However, appropriate limits to multiculturalism are not as obvious to our friends in Europe and Canada. According to the BBC, the Canadian government, flouting free speech rights, brought writer Mark Steyn before a human rights tribunal for writings which were critical of Islam (as if boorishness is on par with, say, genocide). In the UK, Islamic Sharia law courts, where the laws of evidence are more lenient, now operate as an alternative to the legitimate courts of the British government, according to *The Telegraph*, undoubtedly encouraged by the climate fostered by idealists such as the ruling Labour Party, which had insisted for many years that their country is “multicultural.” In Germany, the judge of a German court cited the Koran in rejecting a Moroccan woman’s petition for an accelerated divorce due to domestic violence and death threats from her husband, according to the *International Herald Tribune*. While mainstream Muslim leaders, to their credit, swiftly condemned the ruling, the apparent alacrity with which the judge subordinated German legal principles to the Koran illustrates the paralysis of justice which could result from permitting cultural accommodation to become too ingrained. In France, philosopher Jean-Francois Revel has commented that the institutional reluctance to teach French to

immigrant children in French schools has stunted the upward mobility of these immigrants, causing resentment which sometimes boils over into the youth riots we have witnessed in recent years. Homosexuals, in particular, comprise one group which has much to fear from the growing Islamization of Europe. In the Netherlands, attacks on gays have increased in recent years, mostly perpetrated by Moroccan youths, according to *Radio Netherlands*. In Iran, Sharia law calls for the execution of homosexuals. It may be ridiculous now to think that something like that could happen in western Europe, but such changes do not occur suddenly, and we only notice too late when things have gone too far, just as a frog submerged in a pot of cold

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water does not jump out of the pot if the water is brought gradually to a boil.

It is because other Western countries have served in the past as bellwethers of trends in our own society that the eagerness in the American academy to embrace other cultures concerns me, and compelled me to ask in my earlier letter how far we are willing to go to pat ourselves on the back for being so culturally sensitive. Is the Committee on Discipline denying justice to the Sloan LGBT group out of deference to Krasnoslobodtsev’s upbringing in a foreign culture, in the same manner in which the German judge cited the Koran in ruling against the Moroccan woman? Due to the committee’s secrecy, I can only speculate, but MIT would not invite such speculation if it weren’t for other examples of accommodation: the speaking invitation extended by the school of HASS to a known Ho-

locaust denier, the serious consideration given to a diversity GIR at the expense of core science classes, just to name some of the memorable ones from my time at the Institute. Of course, a few data points do not make a trend, but should caution us to be more conscious of our Western liberal values, lest we lose sight of them when we venture beyond our cultural comfort zones as part of normal college life. We should also guard ourselves against the use of our own tolerance against us.

Even if you believe that Krasnoslobodtsev can be defended on the grounds that he did not know any better because he is from a foreign country, he did know better, if Sloan LGBT’s published reproduction of his e-mail is accurate. His opening line was, “I don’t care what you do among yourselves, and I am not going to teach you how to live.” Clearly, he grasps our libertine outlook towards gays, but instead of finishing with a simple request to be excluded from future mailings, he threatens members of the group with violence. Why did he not restrain himself, knowing as he must that his action would be condemned? His personal lack of inhibition could certainly be a factor. Others might blame conservatives in this country for undermining the teachings of more enlightened progressives, though I’m skeptical of that view since even the most hard-line of mainstream American religious conservatives now call for love of the sinner but condemnation of the sin. Given that Krasnoslobodtsev veers into an aside which takes on a nearly didactic tone when he writes, “in [redacted], beating gays is encouraged by vast majority of people because they insult society and nature,” he may actually have thought, perhaps unwittingly, having internalized the diversity rhetoric which pervades MIT, that the recipients of his e-mail would excuse his remarks because he grew up in “[redacted].” Multiculturalism may have emboldened Krasnoslobodtsev just as it emboldens radical clerics, who, according to the DC gay publication *Metro Weekly*, have declared entire neighborhoods to be under Islamic jurisdiction in France, Britain, Denmark and Belgium.

Wong is a member of the Class of 2007.

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CAMPUS LIFE

It's A Big, Big World

Will You Be a Part of It?

By Diana Jue
STAFF COLUMNIST

I firmly believe that knowing a city requires exploring it by foot. Fortunately for me, one of my class' first activities in Buenos Aires, Argentina was a downtown walking tour. This tour completely altered my first impression of a city with a European look and feel, which was formed by a bus ride. Walking on sidewalks and approaching buildings and graffiti up close uncovered a characteristic that was truer of the city: one of political charge and change.

No place in downtown could better sum up Buenos Aires' political tension than the Plaza de Mayo, a public space nestled among symbols of government power like City Hall and the Casa Rosada, home to the federal executive branch. A tall, black wire fence divided the plaza into two halves. One side boasted beautiful green grass, colorful flowers, and water fountains. Around lunch, unashamed young couples, students with books and iPods, and financial district workers congregated here. The plaza half was picture perfect and government controlled.

On the other side of the fence, policemen in riot gear were situated. Scattered patches of dead, brown grass, pigeons, and street vendors littered the public space, through which hundreds of pedestrians stampeded to and from work. The lack of visual niceties was made up for by an overabundance of passion represented by an incredible history.

My friend Grace, a political science major from Swarthmore, immediately sensed this energy. She had worked with non-profit organizations in Washington D.C. and of everyone I knew, she had the strongest sense of social justice. Grace pointed to a white scarf painted on the ground. "Can you believe it? We are actually where Las Madres de La Plaza de Mayo began!" she said.

These were her heroes: a group of mothers and grandmothers who began weekly Thursday marches of protest around the plaza when their children were abducted by the military dictatorship between 1976 and 1983. Las Madres de la Plaza de Mayo successfully brought attention to the Argentine government. The white scarf initially symbolized peace, but now it and their organization are internationally recognized for

human rights activism. Physically being where they brought about so much change was overwhelming and inspiring.

Buenos Aires wasn't the only city where we encountered motivating advocacy. The Environmental Support Group (ESG), a pro-environment activist group, hosted us in Bangalore, India. ESG spearheaded many citywide environmental campaigns, held public meetings, filmed educational videos, published reports based on independent research, and had considerable courtroom and media presence. They were well known, successful in their attempts (after many failures, I'm sure). Their members included some of the most passionate people I'd ever met.

Something about activism seemed to resonate with us idealistic, slightly naive, yet increasingly aware twenty-somethings who were trying to make sense of the world and our role in it. The advocates we had learned about and knew personally were few in number. They were unhappy with the status quo. They took peaceful action that directed attention toward the wrongdoers. They took part in difficult yet rewarding work. They were regular citizens who successfully brought about change from the grassroots level, one step at a time.

If I cannot speak for everyone, at least this was the case for me. I admit that I can become incredibly absorbed in life at MIT, which can sadly be defined by schoolwork, problem sets, and on-campus activities. It's an insular, perhaps semi-selfish lifestyle. During the term, keeping up to date with important news is difficult when I'm studying for an exam that is bigger in my mind and heart than the global food crisis, for example.

If anything, studying abroad made me more aware that life goes on outside of MIT and that this life isn't going well for many. Extreme poverty and hunger continue to exist in the world; millions of people and infants die of HIV/AIDS and malaria. Development is destroying the environment. Women continue to be subjected to gender inequality. Human rights continue to be violated. Primary education is still not available for so many.

This bigger picture exposed me to the problems and to the courageous individuals who were on the frontlines, in the trenches, and on

the ground addressing these issues. The seeds of caring about injustice and oppression were already in me; my trip abroad confirmed them and watered the soil through discussions with my professors and classmates and plain experience. But what would happen when I return to my old habitat of MIT? Would the plant grow?

I think that it will, especially given the work of student groups that are changing the campus climate. When I returned to MIT in the spring, I was very pleased to learn about the work of MIT's Global Poverty Initiative. Two weekends ago, they hosted the inaugural Millennium Campus Conference that spread the word about international development issues. Famous names in the field attended, including public health practitioner Dr. Paul Farmer and economist Jeffrey Sachs.

The conference was incredibly inspiring. After feeling burdened by academically studying international development issues in 10 weeks of classes, I was refreshed and renewed with enthusiasm, passion, and idealism. Just like the mothers in Buenos Aires who fought for human rights and my hosts in Bangalore who advocated on behalf of the environment, we students want to be and will be the change of this generation. To steal a quote from the Global Poverty Initiative: Will you be a part of it?

If you're interested in international development issues, try visiting <http://gpi.mit.edu> for more details about the MIT's



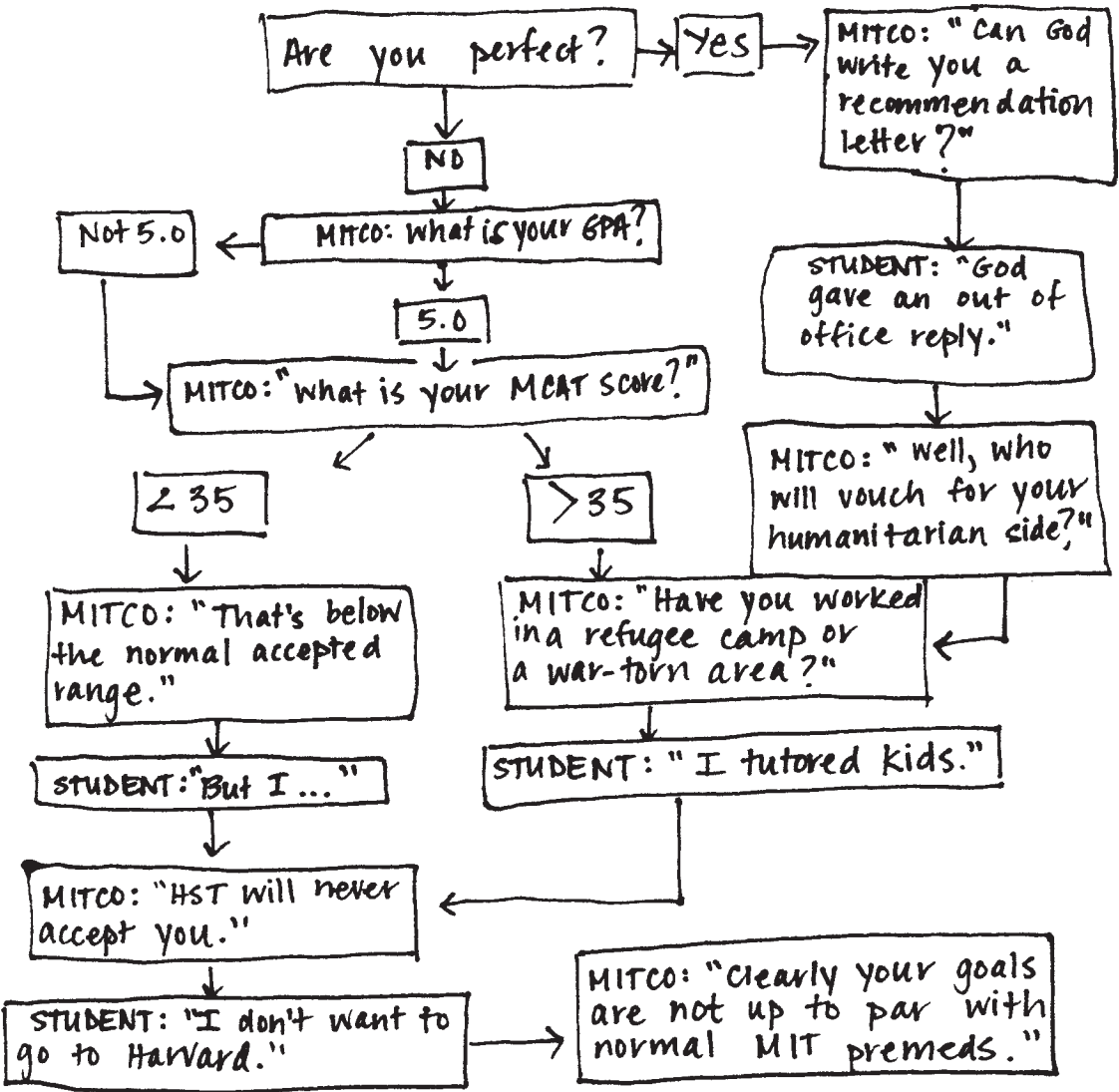
DIANA JUE—THE TECH

A view of the Casa Rosada and the black fence that divides La Plaza de Mayo, where mothers and grandmothers marched to protest against the government.

Global Poverty Initiative. In the press section, there is a fantastic resource manual that outlines the important issues facing our generation and compiles international development-related MIT activities, classes, and funding opportunities. I also recommend looking at Jeffrey Sachs' *End of Poverty*, Paul Farmer's *Pathologies of Power*, and Paul Polak's *Out of Poverty*.

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Brouhaha Rhythm

From Country Mouse to City Beaver

By Michael T. Lin
STAFF COLUMNIST

Those of you who know me particularly well know that I was born and raised in suburbs just about all of my life. Consequently, my time here at MIT is my first time living in a major metropolitan area for any extended period of time. Bearing that in mind, I have to say, it's been an interesting experience. Boston and Cambridge may not be quite so urban as Los Angeles or Coruscant (we can see the Boston sky), but I'm working my way up to the full-fledged city experience.

I remember my first American urban experience quite distinctly — New York City, New Year's Eve, 1998. Hundreds of people gathered to see if that Prince song was all it was cracked up to be. My family and I traveled to the general proximity of Times square via subway, encountering people of widely varying races, style choices, and levels of intoxication. The claustrophobic nightmare that is New Year's at Times Square hemmed us in a location too far away to see the ball drop but close enough to hear what I presume were celebratory gunshots. I'm pretty sure that the thought, "So this is what the city is like," passed through my head at some point, probably wedged between,

"So this is where the Ninja Turtles live," and "That's either a very large rat or a very small bear." Luckily, the rodents around Boston are fairly itty-bitty, or at least appear so compared to the six-foot Sasquatch of a beaver I've seen stalking around campus. I've been trying to catch him on film, but he always turns out blurry and never appears for more than a split second.

By far, the most unusual part of moving to a city, at least for me, is getting around from place to place. I'm not accustomed to having anything within walking distance back home except a mini-shopping center consisting of a gas station, a laundromat, and a hair salon, none of which were of immediate use to me. I didn't have my own car (and would be too paranoid to drive much if I did). My mom always did my laundry, and my dad still cuts my hair, which is why I will be going home this summer with a quasi-mullet.

Nothing long enough to make MacGyver blink an eye, but a record amount of hair for me, all the same.

Here, virtually everything can be reached on foot. I realize that may not be an impressive statement for you marathon runners out there, but for an indoor geek like me with no real endurance to speak of, the idea is positively revolutionary. Even the locations that can't be reached on foot before collapsing are readily made available via public transportation, and anywhere in between T-stops (if one is desperate or impatient enough) can be brought within reach by taxi.

Back home, you called a cab instead of waving it down, and I'm still not sure how to do it without looking of exhaustion are readily made available via public transportation, and anywhere in between T-stops (if one is desperate or impatient enough) can be brought within reach by taxi.

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FAIL OF THE WEEK

To Ring Delivery for serving mashed potatoes in a plastic martini glass. Also for running out of mashed potatoes.

To the Third Eye Blind concert for being full of sweaty BC people.

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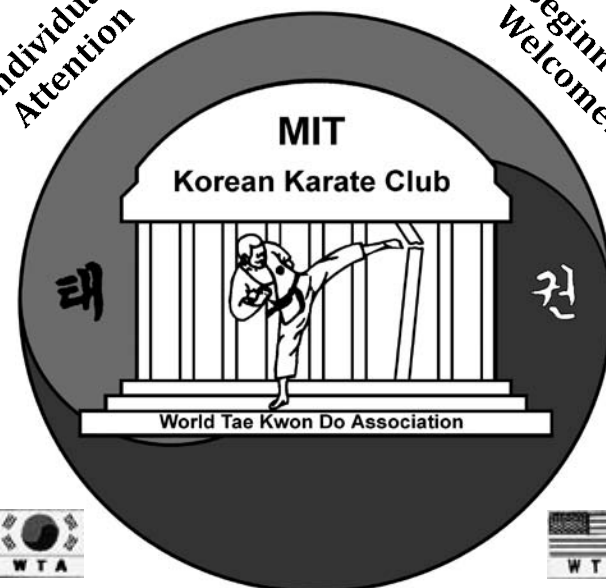
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BRIAN D. HEMOND—THE TECH



Third Eye Blind (3EB) headlined MIT's 2008 Spring Weekend Concert, held Friday at the Johnson Athletics Center. Opening acts included Howie Day and Absentstar.

(center) 3EB's lead vocalist Stephan Jenkins sings.

(clockwise from above)

3EB performs in front of their large banner.

Howie Day sings "She Says" during an acoustic set.

Drummer Heath Hamilton of the opening band Absentstar rocks out.

3EB played several songs from their upcoming fourth studio album *Ursa Major*.

3EB plays to a cheering audience of regional students.

3EB performs at the back of Johnson, to better reach the attendees who showed up to the concert late.

3EB's vocalist Stephan Jenkins pumps up the crowd.





DIANE RAK—THE TECH



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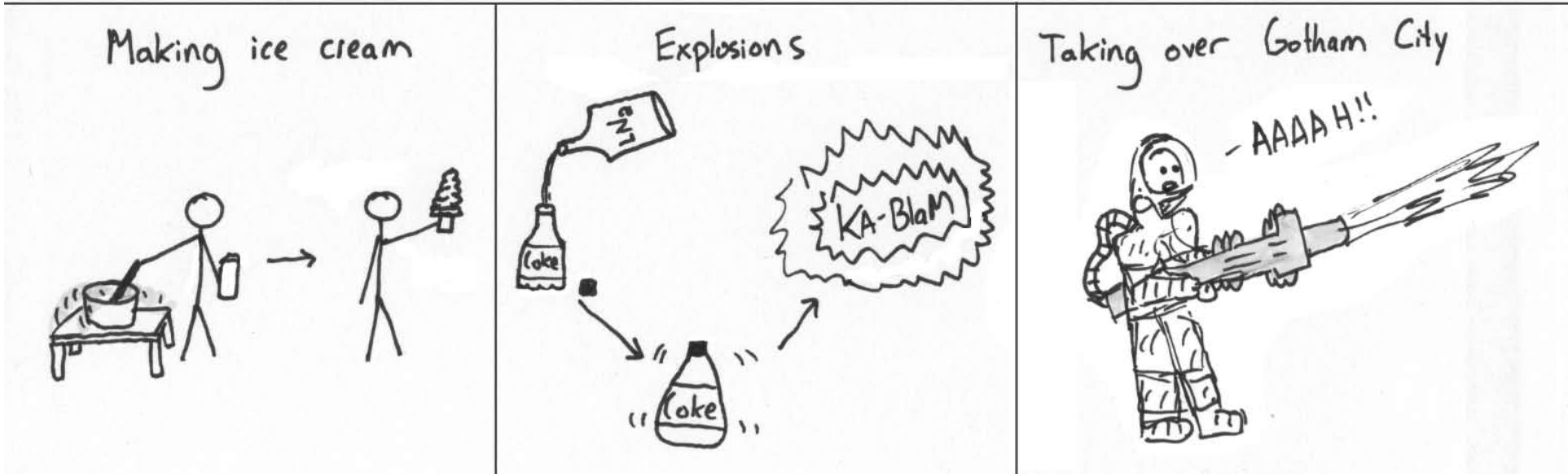


DIANE RAK—THE TECH

The Daily Blunderbuss

by Ben Peters

The three primary uses of Liquid Nitrogen



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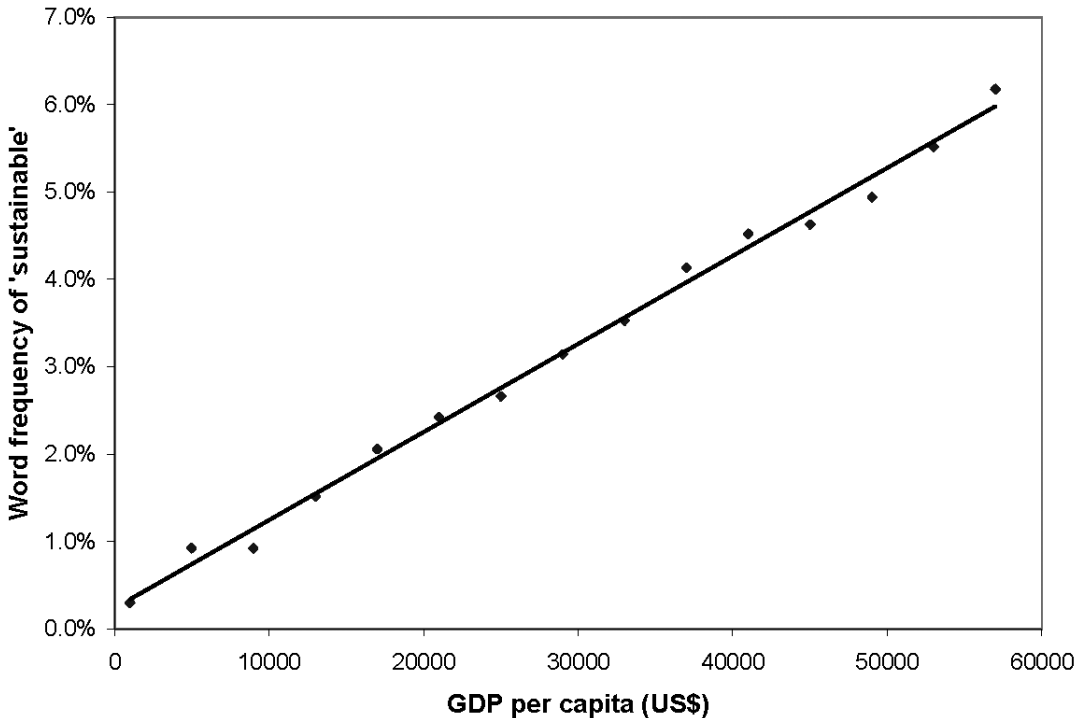


Figure 32. The plot shows the frequency of the word ‘sustainable’ (basis: per 100 words) in public dialogue of different countries according to their gross domestic product per capita. As a general trend, poorer countries do not use sustainability arguments as frequently as richer countries do, maybe because they cannot afford to spend resources on being sustainable (and maybe because they use this fact as an excuse). The authors propose that, to flatten out the trend, the word should be adopted in colloquial speech. For example, when breaking-up with a partner (“this relationship is just not sustainable”); when talking to one’s boss (“this workload is not sustainable”); at the movies (“Keanu’s career is not sustainable”), etc.
(We thank David Uniman for a helpful discussion on the topic).

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Solution, tips, and computer program at <http://www.sudoku.com>; see also solution, page 14.

Crossword Puzzle

Solution, page 14

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2010 Ring Committee President Laura E. Aust '10 shows off her Brass Rat during the ring delivery at Moakley Courthouse on the Boston waterfront on April 26.

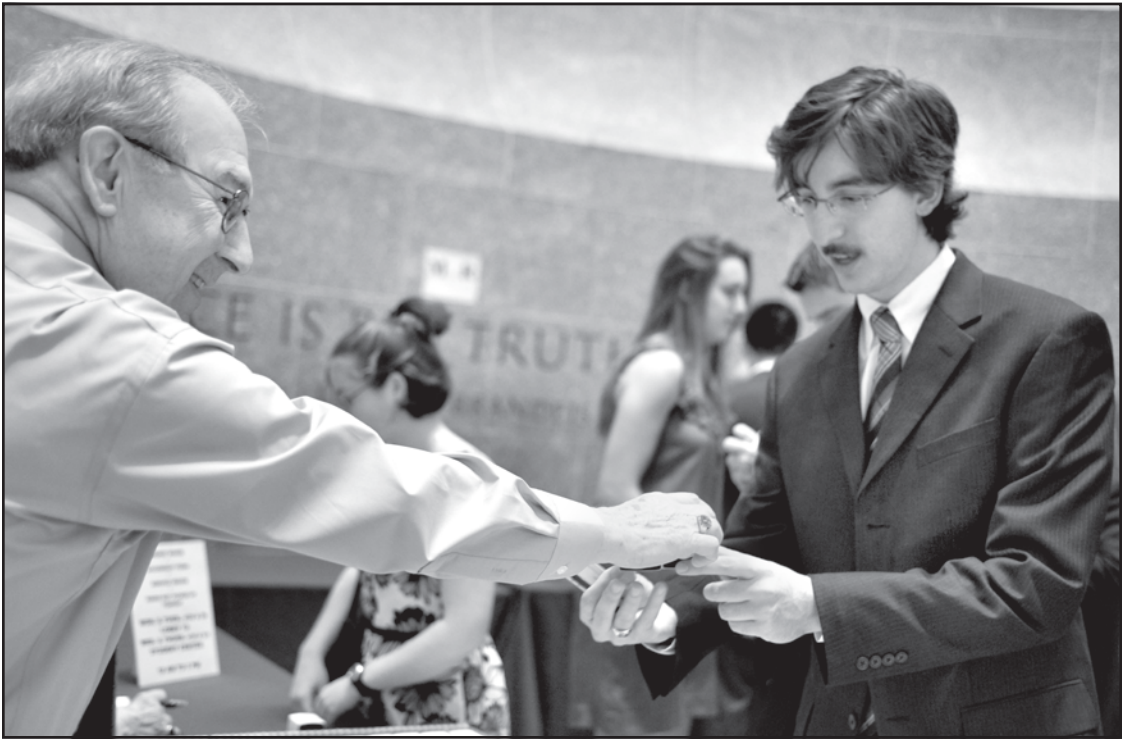
Students Enjoyed Shuttle Buses To Campus, Open Atmosphere

Ring Delivery, from Page 1

around \$70,000, which helped subsidize the cost of gold and funded the party. They also spent about \$1,000 on a study break during the year and about \$14,000 on T-shirts, shot glasses, and other costs related to the Ring Premiere in February. Sophomores were shuttled to and from the Courthouse with buses leaving from MIT and the Courthouse every 15 minutes, allowing students to come and go as they pleased. Manvi Goel '10 said, "I liked the fact that it really didn't have a concrete

structure." "I had a really good time," she said. Most students enjoyed the evening. Rachel C. Mayer '10 said that "the food was great" and "it was nice to see everyone dressed up." According to Goel, "it gave everyone an opportunity to get away from campus and be excited about being part of MIT." Eric D. Eisner '10 had fun but said that, "if the money had gone into subsidizing rings, it would have been better." Aust said that things went better than she expected. Ring Delivery is

the last major responsibility of the Ring Committee, and the committee will now help the class of 2011 Ring Committee get started with their work, according to Aust. The tradition of holding an event to commemorate Ring Delivery started in 1999 with the class of 2001. That year, sophomores took part in a 3-hour sunset cruise. If students missed Ring Delivery, they can still pick up their rings in Lobby 10 today or in the Stata Center on Wednesday and Thursday. Students can also order rings at the booths.



Juan S. Villeta-Garcia '10 receives his Brass Rat from the staff member of Balfour during the ring delivery at Moakley Courthouse on the Boston waterfront on April 26.

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Mariam Kandil '08 dresses up Tim the Beaver for the 2008 International Fair, held on the northern Kresge lawn on Friday.

? a) Depression is a bunch of symptoms exhibited by weak people.

b) Depression is an unbearable suppression of brain activity that can strike anyone.

Straightening out all the misconceptions, the correct answer is 'b'. It's a concept we should all understand and remember, and here's why. Depression strikes millions of young adults, but only 1 out of 5 ever seeks treatment for it. Too many just drag themselves along or eventually seek relief through suicide. Why not treatment? Partly lack of awareness. Partly the unwarranted negative stigma. This is what needs fixing. This is where we need you to change your attitudes. It's an illness, not a weakness. And it's readily treatable. Spreading the word and making this common knowledge is everybody's assignment.

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Intense Korean Study Regimen Forges Test Takers

Admissions, from Page 1

emy, three hours' drive east of Seoul, which also has a spectacular record of admission to Ivy League colleges.

How do they do it? Their formula is relatively simple. They take South Korea's top-scoring middle school students, put those who aspire to an American university in English-language classes, taught by Korean and highly paid American and other foreign teachers, emphasize composition and other skills crucial to success on the SATs and college admissions essays, and — especially this — urge them on to unceasing study.

Both schools seem to be rethinking their grueling regimen, at least a bit. Minjok, a boarding school, has turned off dormitory surveillance cameras previously used to ensure that students did not doze in late-night study sessions. Daewon is ending its school day earlier for freshmen. Its founder, Lee Won-hee, worried in an interview that while Daewon was turning out high-scoring students, it might be falling short in educating them as responsible citizens.

"American schools may do a better job at that," Dr. Lee said.

Still, the schools are highly rigorous. Both supplement South Korea's required, lecture-based national curriculum with Western-style discussion classes. Their academic year is more than a month longer than at American high schools. Daewon, which costs about \$5,000 per year to attend, requires two foreign languages besides English. Minjok, where tuition, board and other expenses top \$15,000, offers Advanced Placement courses and research projects.

And, oh yes. Both schools suppress teenage romance as a waste of time.

"What are you doing holding hands?" a Daewon administrator scolded an adolescent couple recently, according to his aides. "You

should be studying!"

Students do not seem to complain. Park Yeshong, one of Kim Hyun-kyung's classmates, said attractions tended to fade during hundreds of hours of close-quarters study. "We know each other too well to fall in love," she said. Many American educators would kill to have such disciplined pupils.

Both schools reserve admission for highly motivated students; the application process resembles that at many American colleges, where students are judged on their grade-point averages, as well as their performance on special tests and in interviews.

"Even my worst students are great," said Joseph Foster, a Williams College graduate who teaches writing at Daewon. "They're professionals; if I teach them, they'll learn it. I get e-mails at 2 a.m. I'll respond and go to bed. When I get up, I'll find a follow-up question mailed at 5 a.m."

South Korea is not the only country sending more students to the United States, but it seems to be a special case. Some 103,000 Korean students study at American schools of all levels, more than from any other country, according to American government statistics. In higher education, only India and China, with populations more than 20 times that of South Korea's, send more students.

"Preparing to get to the best American universities has become something of a national obsession in Korea," said Alexander Vershbow, the American ambassador to South Korea.

Korean applications to Harvard alone have tripled, to 213 this spring, up from 66 in 2003, said William R. Fitzsimmons, Harvard's dean of admissions. Harvard has 37 Korean undergraduates, more than from any foreign country except Canada and Britain. Harvard, Yale and Princeton have a total of 103 Korean undergraduates; 34 graduated from Daewon or Minjok.

won or Minjok.

This year, Daewon and Minjok graduates are heading to universities like Stanford, Chicago, Duke and seven of the eight Ivy League universities — but not to Harvard. Instead, Harvard accepted four Korean students from three other prep schools.

"That was certainly not any statement" about the Daewon and Minjok schools, Mr. Fitzsimmons said. "We're alert to getting kids from schools where we haven't had them before, but we'd never reject an applicant simply because he or she came from a school with a history of sending students to Harvard."

South Korea's academic year

starts in March, so the 2008 class of Daewon's Global Leadership Program, which prepares students for study at foreign universities, graduated in February.

One graduate was Kim Soo-yeon, 19, who was accepted by Princeton this month. Daewon parents tend to be wealthy doctors, lawyers or university professors. Ms. Kim's father is a top official in the Korean Olympic Committee.

Ms. Kim developed fierce study habits early, watching her mother scold her older sister for receiving any score less than 100 on tests. Even a 98 or a 99 brought a tongue-lashing.

"Most Korean mothers want their children to get 100 on all the tests in all the subjects," Ms. Kim's mother said.

Ms. Kim's highest aspiration was to attend a top Korean university, until she read a book by a Korean student at Harvard about American universities. Immediately she put up a sign in her bedroom: "I'm going to an Ivy League!"

Even while at Daewon, Ms. Kim, like thousands of Korean students, took weekend classes in English, physics and other subjects at private academies, raising her SAT scores by hundreds of points. "I just love to do well on the tests," she said.



WILLIAM YEE—THE TECH

(left to right) Shawn Gelzleichter, Christian Hegg, Benjamin C. Williams '11, Matthew N. Stern '08, and Misha Leybovich G of the "Hot Metal" stripping squad proposition the audience in the Full Monty, a performance by the Musical Theater Guild playing May 1-3 in the Little Kresge Theater.

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Online Registration System For Parties Cited in Pres. Goals

DormCon, from Page 1

Torres also praised Hopp's term as president, saying he thought "she was very good" and that he would "like to continue her relations with the administration." He added that he plans to discuss ideas with Hopp and "use her as a resource over the summer" before he takes office.

A couple more important items on DormCon's agenda for next year include writing an official alcohol policy and creating an online dorm party registration system. Torres said DormCon was working with several other groups on creating a written policy that also incorporates provisions about the illegal use of drugs. "We want to make it as simple as possible" and "don't want ambiguity," said Torres.

A party registration site, one of Torres' big advocacies this year, is

also in the works. It is envisioned that the Web site will allow those over 21 who have gone through PartySafe training (a program run by MIT that teaches how to hold safe parties with alcohol) to register weekend parties by the middle of the preceding week. Torres said the online system should make party registration much easier by avoiding the hassle of filling out paperwork. The current system also requires lots of signatures, including approval from the MIT Police, whereas an online system could notify people automatically. In this way, Torres said he hopes to "encourage the registration of parties."

DormCon also elected Donald K. Landergren '09 as Judicial Committee Chair, Vinayak V. Ranade '09 as Risk Manager, and James A. Ostrowski '10, Brittany A. Holland-Marcus '10, and Joeseph S. Pokora '09 as Dining Chairs.

Engineers Play Ball, Do Research On Protective Gear For Catchers

Baseball, from Page 1

just marketing sense. When you get to see how your research can actually be used, it's pretty cool."

The testing prior to the double-header marked an important milestone for the project. For the first time, the students saw preliminary results from months of brainstorming and creative problem solving. With balls traveling 6 feet at speeds of 20-25 miles per hour, the sensors and high-speed video recorded the force at impact, how long balls stayed in contact with the chest protector, and the trajectories of rebounds coming off different parts of the padding.

"If Jason Varitek is blocking a ball with a guy on third and two outs and the ball hits him on the chest, the ball's not going to fly 30 feet down the first base line and let the guy on third score," said Turner. "Hopefully, the ball will just stop."

"But it's not going to stop because it's hitting Varitek. It's going to stop because the whole chest protector gives in such a way that it dulls down

all the forces and absorbs everything. So he's not hurt and the ball's not flying away."

The project appears on track, with a few weeks of experimentation remaining. That is no small feat considering Rawlings makes only occasional visits to campus and most communication among the students, the company, and Sports Innovation program director Dr. Kim Blair takes place by e-mail and teleconference. Whether scheduling group meetings, ordering mannequins, or interviewing sensor companies, the students take charge of all aspects of the project.

Even with the MIT baseball season in full swing, the undergraduates will continue construction on a grid of 32 sensors and affix it to the mannequin's chest, develop software to better analyze data, and launch balls at speeds approaching 70 miles per hour in testing sessions between now and mid-May. Rawlings will use the results to establish the happy medium between protection and performance.

Making his usual rounds one chilly, midwinter night, an MIT campus police officer spotted a couple students on a landing outside Building 17. One student held a handsaw. The other steadied a decapitated mannequin. After the students gave the officer a nod that seemed to say, "Everything's OK here," he moved on as the students resumed sawing the bottom of the torso. Such is the strange progress of sports innovation.

"Everything that seems easy is not easy," said sophomore second baseman Stewart Park. "There's always little things that can go wrong and it takes a lot to fix even a little problem. We assumed we could just put sensors on the mannequin and it would work, but we realized the mannequin doesn't act like a human body and doesn't deflect balls the same way."

With all the time spent sawing the mannequin, filling it with sand and cement and smoothing out its six-pack abs to ensure better contact with the sensors, the students seem far from stereotypical science geeks. The undergraduates are also far from stereotypical college baseball players, often discussing problem sets before practice. They never worry about the difficulties of designing their own software and never contemplate spending some of the \$20,000 Rawlings budgeted for sensors on beer and pizza.

"A major Division 1 kid is at school most of the time to play baseball," said MIT baseball coach Andy Barlow. "They're sitting in class thinking about baseball. Here, it might be a little different. They're coming to the baseball field and they might have their minds back in the classroom."

But as jack-of-all-trades Turner and project leader Vasquez switch their attention from drilling holes to reviewing the pros and cons of various sensor systems, the project clearly benefits from the students' engineering and baseball backgrounds.

"We're getting real data rather than going by guesswork and feel," said Vasquez. "Pro players are a little different because once they find something they like, they tend to stick with it. Most people are traditionalists. If a bat or a glove feels good, they don't really care what's behind it. We're trying to create more awareness of how things work, how it will protect them, and maybe keep them off the 15-day DL."



The last panel of ROFLcon was "The Internet Cult Leader," featuring web-culture superstars (left to right) Moot of 4chan, Randall Munroe of xkcd, and Ryan North of Dinosaur Comics. The panel was moderated by Professor Chris Kelty of Rice University. ROFLcon was one of the greatest gatherings to date of internet cultural phenomena, and was organized by students of several local colleges and universities, including MIT.

Hands-on research

Turner describes himself as "a fastball pitcher who throws the knuckleball for comic relief." The Computer Science and Electrical Engineering major gets as good a laugh as anyone from confusing batters. But the project team needed Turner's knuckleball more for science than comedy, recording the pitch to test the resolution of its high-speed video equipment. Considering Vasquez carries a copy of the book "The Physics of Baseball" for recreational reading, the students know textbook.

The MIT Sports Innovation program, though, was designed to give undergraduates hands-on research experience away from textbooks and classrooms. Working in a Building 17 laboratory cluttered with experiments, where the hum of the wind tunnel can make conversation difficult, the undergraduates brainstorm and build different components of the test setup.

Inside the laboratory and Aero/Astro hangar, the MIT baseball research project looks like a combination of shop class and horror flick: Power tools, quick-drying cement, PVC pipe, handsaws, and mannequin parts are scattered around.

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Solution to Sudoku

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SCOREBOARD	
Baseball	
Thursday, April 24, 2008	
MIT (16-14)	2
Wheaton College (29-7)	13
Saturday, April 26, 2008	
MIT (17-14)	9
Clark University (11-22)	4
MIT (17-15)	1
Wheaton College (30-7)	7
Men's Lightweight Crew	
Saturday, April 26, 2008	
Geiger Cup, Varsity 8	
Cornell University	5:53.5
Columbia University	5:56.4
MIT	5:59.7
Geiger Cup, Varsity 4	
Cornell University	6:46.5
Cornell University	6:49.3
MIT	7:12.9
Women's Openweight Crew	
Saturday, April 26, 2008	
Varsity 8	
University of Rhode Island	7:13.01
MIT	7:22.24
Varsity 4	
University of Rhode Island A	8:13.21
University of Rhode Island B	8:34.25
MIT	8:50.54
Women's Lightweight Crew	
Saturday, April 26, 2008	
Varsity 4	
MIT	7:44.4
MIT	7:58.8
University of Massachusetts	8:18.6
Men's Golf	
Saturday, April 26, 2008	
Jack Berry Invitational	
MIT	7th of 7
Men's Lacrosse	
Saturday, April 26, 2008	
Springfield College (8-6, 6-0 PLL ¹)	15
MIT (4-9, 2-5)	4
Women's Lacrosse	
Saturday, April 26, 2008	
MIT (4-7, 3-3 NEWMAC ²)	9
Wellesley College (8-7, 3-3)	6
Sailing	
Sunday, April 27, 2008	
ICSA National Western Semifinals	
MIT	5th of 18
Men's Tennis	
Saturday, April 26, 2008	
MIT	5
Wheaton College	0
MIT	5
Babson College	1
Men's Track and Field	
Saturday, April 26, 2008	
NEWMAC Championship	
MIT	1st of 6
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Bradshaw, Bolger Set Institute Records as Women Place Third

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first-place finish with a 25-second victory in the steeplechase.

Bolger lost a heart-breaker in the 1500-meter, but her clip of 4:42.98 smashed the previous Institute record by nearly three seconds en route to a second-place finish.

Leanne M. Veldhuis '08 supplied another terrific highlight as she earned a conference title in the 400-meter hurdles behind a season-best 1:04.88. Veldhuis anchored an-

other near-record effort for the Engineers, as her race with Bradshaw, Wentz and Bolger in the 4x100-meter relay fell just shy of the school record. The group split 4:04.21 to finish behind Wheaton College and Springfield College, the two teams that also finished ahead of the Engineers in the team standings.

In the field, Emily Hwang '09 secured a personal-best in the pole vault en route to her first conference championship. Hwang cleared 11'9" to easily out-distance the next closest

competitor while freshmen Karin E. Fisher, Rebecca L. Stavely, and Lynn E. Jepsen gave MIT four of the top six finishers in the event.

Aline Thomas '08 continued her outstanding season with two first-place finishes. Thomas tossed 43'1.75" for an impressive win in the shot put before winning the hammer throw by seven feet with a throw of 162'3". MIT finished third with 178 points, while Wheaton (205) secured a two-point victory over Springfield (203) for the team title.

Skidmore Wins 5-4 as Wang Falls Just Short in Comeback Attempt

Tennis, from Page 16

start. The singles matches then flew by in a blur. Hansen and Hoover won their matches 6-2, 6-4, and 6-2, 6-3 respectively, giving MIT a 4-1 lead. McCree lost a hard fought match 6-3, 6-1. Diskin, running down everything she possible could, lost with a hard fought score of 6-2, 6-3.

Jennifer A. Rees '11, a substitute for the injured Pikhart, lost her match 6-1, 6-0, leaving the score tied 4-4 with just Wang's match remaining. Wang lost the first set 6-0 and was down 2-4 in the second before making a tremendous comeback to get to a tie breaker. Wang ended up losing the tie breaker 7-3, but she later said

that it was one of her best singles matches of her life. While the team lost the match 5-4 overall, it was not discouraged by such a close loss. With high spirits, the women were ready to play Vassar the next day.

On April 20, the team began again with the double matches against Vassar. Hansen and Hoover dominated their match 8-3. McCree and Wang followed with a loss, 8-3. After the trainer approved her to play, Pikhart and her partner Diskin lost 8-5, despite scrambling for every ball.

In the singles position, Jennifer Dohlman '11 lost a tough match 6-0, 6-0 at the number six position. Hansen and Hoover won their matches again, 6-4, 6-1, and 6-1, 6-2 respectively.

McCree then lost a tough match 6-4, 6-2, giving Vassar the overall lead in the match 4-3. Wang was the next one off, losing a close match 6-4, 6-1, leaving Diskin front and center in the finale. As everyone else had already finished their matches, Diskin was just finishing up the first set, losing 7-5 in a tie breaker. The second set continued on this note, as she never gave up, running down every ball. She barley lost the second set 7-5.

In exhibition, Kerry R. Weinberg '10 and Rees lost their hard fought match 8-4. In the singles matches, Rees was defeated 8-1, while Weinberg and Katherine M. Smyth '10 both lost tough matches 8-2 and 8-1, respectively.

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SPORTS

Men's Track and Field Captures Eighth Straight NEWMAC Title

By James Kramer
DAPER STAFF

The men's track and field team secured seven individual victories en route to its eighth consecutive New England Women's and Men's Conference Championship. Stephen A. Morton '10 was the only athlete in the meet to win two events, as the super sophomore captured the top spot in the 100-meter dash and long jump. The women's track and field fell short in defending its first-ever conference title, finishing third overall.

Morton also split 22.64 seconds to finish second in the 200-meter dash, while the Engineers showcased their strength in every area. James R. Oleinik '09 shouldered the load for the MIT attack in the throwing events. Oleinik captured the NEWMAC title in the shot put with a toss of 48'10.25", while he also finished second in the discus throw with a mark of 137'9".

Greg D. Tao '10 delivered arguably the best highlight of the day as he paced a top three sweep for MIT with an exceptional performance in the pole vault. Tao cleared a career-

high 15'6.25" to earn the victory with Omari S. Stephens '08 and Patrick R. Barragan '08 finishing second and third, respectively. Stephens also finished second in the 110-meter hurdles, although he posted the fastest time in trials with a clip of 15.43 seconds.

As usual, the Engineers showcased their depth in the distance races. Rookies Paul D. Welle '11 and Richard J. Prevost '11 worked together in netting the first two places in the steeplechase. Welle split 9:34.34 and Prevost closed just behind him in 9:35.62. Jack H. Bourbonnais '10 proved to have the strongest kick at the end as he out-dueled two other competitors for a victory in the 10,000-meter run. Hemagiri Arumugam '10 and M. Brian Jakoces '08 combined to give MIT eleven points in the 5000-meter run after finishing third and fourth, respectively.

The Engineers were just as dominant in the middle distances. After yielding the first three spots in the 800-meter run, Matthew F. Bieniosek '09, William S. Phipps '10, David Reshef '08 and Kevin G. Kleinguetl '11 swept the next four places. In the 1500-meter race, Jake J. Ruzevick '09 led the MIT charge with a third-

place finish while Joseph Roy-Mayhew '08 took fifth and Christopher Wong '08 closed in sixth.

Women place third

The middle-distance trio of Andrea E. Bradshaw '09, Jacqui M. Wentz '10, and Adrienne M. Bolger '09 delivered solid races on the track, giving MIT a boost in the team standings. Bradshaw set a new Institute record in the 800-meter race, finishing second overall with a time of 2:17.07. Wentz completed the same circuit in 2:17.40, for a third-place finish (in a time that would have also set a new school mark). Wentz also scored a

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Lady Engineers Finish Spring Season in New York With Close Losses

By Jennifer Rees
TEAM MEMBER

The women's tennis team hit a rough patch last week to close out their season, barely losing to both Skidmore College and Vassar College. MIT played Skidmore first on Saturday. First up were the double matches, where even a twisted ankle wouldn't slow down Karina N. Pikhart '09 and her partner Melissa A. Diskin '11. After hitting a winner, Pikhart scared her teammates as she stumbled and twisted her ankle. After

taking a bit to recover, she got up and continued playing. The duo went on to win the match 8-6, making it clear that one can never underestimate these Lady Engineers, even when injured. The two doubles team of Anisa K. McCree '10 and Yi Wang '09 lost 8-2, fighting hard the entire match. Meanwhile, the number one doubles team of Mariah N. Hoover '08 and Leslie A. Hansen '10 defeated their opponents with a decisive win 8-2. With this victory, MIT was in the lead 2-1 when it was time for the singles to

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UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Tuesday, April 29, 2008		
Baseball vs. Worcester State College	3:15 p.m., Briggs Field	
Wednesday, April 30, 2008		
Baseball vs. Fisher college	4:15 p.m., Briggs Field	
Thursday, May 1, 2008		
Baseball vs. University of Massachusetts-Boston	3:30 p.m., Briggs Field	



DANIEL P. BEAUBOEUF—THE TECH
Tim the Beaver is spotted at the Geiger Trophy, MIT's annual intercollegiate costume sailing regatta. The theme of the event was "Noah and the Ark," and participants dressed up as animals.

MIT-Israel Week 2008

- Israel Pub Night at the Muddy
 - Monday, Apr. 28, Muddy Charles, 8:00PM
- Israeli Film Night – Someone to Run With
 - Wednesday, Apr. 30, 6-120, 7:00PM
- Israel@60 Birthday Blowout Party!
 - Sunday, May 4, Walker, 8:00PM
- Yom Ha'Atzmaut Barbecue
 - Thursday, May 8, Kresge Pits, 3:00PM
- Israel Shabbat
 - Friday, May 9, Building W11, 7:00PM

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